

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE
A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0063151-02-0

Permittee: HIGHLAND CROSSING DAIRY LLC, W3194 Playbird Road, Sheboygan Falls, WI, 53085

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: HIGHLAND CROSSING DAIRY LLC, W3194 Playbird Road, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Pigeon River Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Highland Crossing Dairy, LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feed Operations (CAFO) for dairy cattle located in the Town of Sherman in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin. Highland Crossing Dairy consists of one production site located at W3194 Playbird Road Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085 and is operated by Darin Strauss. The site consists of a three-stage waste storage facility, 1 feed storage area, 1 freestall barn, 1 calf barn, 1 special needs barn, and 1 milking parlor. A waste transfer system collects and discharges animal waste and process wastewater from the freestall barns to the waste storage facilities.

The current herd size is 1,401 animal units (980 milking/dry cows). Approximately 10,991,402 million gallons of liquid manure and process wastewater, and 7,066 tons of solid manure is produced annually at the current herd size. Highland Crossing Dairy has approximately 306 days of storage for liquid storage capacity and 59 days of storage for solid manure. Highland Crossing Dairy owns or rents 2,136 acres of cropland, of which approximately 2,115 acres are available for manure application.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Victoria Ziegler, DNR, 2300 N Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Milwaukee, WI, 53212, (414) 391-8946, Victoria.Ziegler@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is re-issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be re-issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (414) 391-8946 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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